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## **PRESS RELEASE**



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### **Public Meeting – Lake Thunderbird Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Compliance and Monitoring Plan**

The City of Norman is conducting a public meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 6 PM, in the City Council Chambers, 201 West Gray Street, to present the Final Draft of the City of Norman's Lake Thunderbird Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Compliance and Monitoring Plan, and obtain citizen input regarding the plan. A presentation by the project team will provide information regarding the latest plan updates, status and submittal schedule. City staff and representatives will be available following the presentation for questions and comments.

In November 2013, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) finalized a TMDL study and report for Lake Thunderbird that determined the reduction of pollutants (total suspended solids, chlorophyll-a, nitrogen and phosphorus) required in the lake to meet water quality standards. The study results concluded that compliance and monitoring plans should be developed to determine best management practices designed to reduce pollutants in the next 20 years and show sustained progress toward reduction in daily amounts of total pollutants entering Lake Thunderbird.

In September 2014, the City of Norman hired Olsson Associates to develop Compliance and Monitoring Plans in accordance with ODEQ requirements published in the Lake Thunderbird TMDL report. The TMDL Compliance and Monitoring Plans are scheduled to be completed and submitted to ODEQ in November 2015.

The Final Draft TMDL Compliance and Monitoring Plan will be available for public review beginning Wednesday, September 9th at the Norman Public Library (225 N. Webster), the Norman City Clerk's Office (201 West Gray), the Public Works Department (201-A West Gray) and electronically online at [www.normanok.gov/TMDLpublicmeeting](http://www.normanok.gov/TMDLpublicmeeting).

For more information about the TMDL or the meeting, contact Mr. Aaron Milligan, Public Works/Engineering Division, at 366-5435 or [aaron.milligan@normanok.gov](mailto:aaron.milligan@normanok.gov), or Mr. Joe Willingham, Public Works/Engineering Division, at 366-5455 or [joe.willingham@normanok.gov](mailto:joe.willingham@normanok.gov). Those needing special accommodations are asked to call at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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